Thanksgiving Dinner: Numbers By The Side Dish (1960 - 2025-26) - A Systematic Analysis, Part 1 of 8

Turkey (Purchase Stats, Actual Waste, and Actual Consumption!

THANKSGIVING

Starting with Turkey, then Ham, and then all the other side dishes…and then we do the "side dish" math together.

Number of Turkeys purchased to be consumed on Thanksgiving for each year in total:

1960: 46,325,154
1961: 47,453,250
1962: 48,189,500
1963: 48,887,000
1964: 49,314,542
1965: 60,072,706
1966: 64,701,000
1967: 71,517,263
1968: 67,655,588
1969: 70,045,083
1970: 68,644,810
1971: 72,681,000
1972: 78,712,500
1973: 74,165,000
1974: 77,538,750
1975: 74,700,000
1976: 80,841,667
1977: 79,757,250
1978: 80,692,500
1979: 86,288,333
1980: 96,560,000
1981: 101,362,500
1982: 102,334,167
1983: 107,158,333
1984: 108,075,000
1985: 114,985,000
1986: 12,905,375

1987: 14,840,875
1988: 15,994,375
1989: 17,070,333
1990: 18,200,000
1991: 18,764,167
1992: 19,023,750
1993: 19,167,625
1994: 19,184,375
1995: 19,528,667
1996: 20,317,250
1997: 19,543,500
1998: 20,232,667
1999: 20,343,750
2000: 20,341,917
2001: 20,781,250
2002: 21,210,500
2003: 21,032,250
2004: 20,740,000
2005: 20,561,875
2006: 21,012,333
2007: 21,962,500
2008: 22,300,667
2009: 21,603,833
2010: 20,620,000
2011: 20,773,333
2012: 20,795,875
2013: 20,941,625
2014: 20,961,333
2015: 21,246,375
2016: 22,347,750
2017: 22,215,167
2018: 21,922,833
2019: 21,886,667
2020: 21,554,792
2021: 21,158,226
2022: 30,413,620
2023: 31,334,424
2024: 30,008,933
2025: 28,004,069

Percentage of Turkeys being bought for Thanksgiving, in comparison to total US Turkey Production for each year (1960 - 2025):

1960: 54.63%
1961: 43.94%
1962: 52.10%
1963: 52.34%
1964: 49.46%
1965: 57.16%
1966: 55.39%
1967: 56.27%
1968: 63.29%
1969: 65.83%
1970: 59.28%
1971: 60.97%
1972: 61.25%
1973: 56.40%
1974: 59.14%
1975: 60.10%
1976: 57.87%
1977: 57.84%
1978: 57.11%
1979: 55.17%
1980: 58.45%
1981: 59.35%
1982: 61.87%
1983: 62.92%
1984: 63.05%
1985: 62.05%
1986: 6.23%
1987: 6.19%
1988: 6.60%
1989: 6.57%
1990: 6.44%
1991: 6.57%
1992: 6.62%
1993: 6.69%
1994: 6.64%
1995: 6.68%
1996: 6.71%
1997: 6.56%
1998: 7.14%
1999: 7.51%
2000: 7.46%
2001: 7.65%
2002: 7.67%
2003: 7.68%

2004: 7.87%
2005: 8.29%
2006: 8.08%
2007: 8.10%
2008: 8.17%
2009: 8.75%
2010: 8.53%
2011: 8.42%
2012: 8.28%
2013: 8.79%
2014: 8.90%
2015: 9.19%
2016: 9.19%
2017: 9.09%
2018: 8.98%
2019: 9.62%
2020: 9.70%
2021: 9.86%
2022: 14.49%
2023: 14.37%
2024: 14.60%
2025: 13.46%

Americans waste roughly 4% of all turkeys produced in the U.S. each year specifically during Thanksgiving. This translates to about 8.2 million whole turkeys being outright discarded, which accounts for roughly 40% to 58% of the overall food waste recorded during the holiday.

Source:
https://refed.org/articles/this-thanksgiving-316-million-pounds-of-food-will-be-wasted-across-the-u-s/

Thanksgiving Turkey Waste:

1960: 8,338,528
1961: 8,541,585
1962: 8,674,110
1963: 8,310,790
1964: 8,383,472
1965: 8,410,179
1966: 8,411,130
1967: 8,582,072

1968: 8,795,226
1969: 8,405,410
1970: 8,237,377
1971: 8,721,720
1972: 8,658,375
1973: 8,899,800
1974: 8,529,262
1975: 8,217,000
1976: 8,892,583
1977: 8,773,298
1978: 8,876,175
1979: 8,628,833
1980: 8,690,400
1981: 9,122,625
1982: 9,210,075
1983: 8,572,667
1984: 8,646,000
1985: 9,198,800
1986: 8,259,440
1987: 8,310,890
1988: 8,317,075
1989: 8,364,463
1990: 8,372,000
1991: 8,256,233
1992: 8,370,450
1993: 8,242,079
1994: 8,249,281
1995: 8,202,040
1996: 8,330,072
1997: 8,208,270
1998: 8,295,393
1999: 8,340,937
2000: 8,340,186
2001: 8,312,500
2002: 8,272,095
2003: 8,202,578
2004: 8,296,000
2005: 8,224,750
2006: 8,404,933
2007: 8,345,750
2008: 8,251,247
2009: 8,209,457
2010: 8,248,000
2011: 8,309,333

2012: 8,318,350
2013: 8,376,650
2014: 8,384,533
2015: 8,286,086
2016: 8,268,668
2017: 8,219,612
2018: 8,330,677
2019: 8,316,933
2020: 8,406,369
2021: 8,251,708
2022: 8,211,677
2023: 8,460,294
2024: 8,402,501
2025: 8,401,221

Actual Number of Turkeys Consumed (as in Eaten) on Thanksgiving, from 1960 to 2025):

1960: 37,986,626
1961: 38,911,665
1962: 39,515,390
1963: 40,576,210
1964: 40,931,070
1965: 51,662,527
1966: 56,289,870
1967: 62,935,191
1968: 58,860,362
1969: 61,639,673
1970: 60,407,433
1971: 63,959,280
1972: 70,054,125
1973: 65,265,200
1974: 69,009,488
1975: 66,483,000
1976: 71,949,084
1977: 70,983,952
1978: 71,816,325
1979: 77,659,500
1980: 87,869,600
1981: 92,239,875
1982: 93,124,092
1983: 98,585,666
1984: 99,429,000
1985: 105,786,200

1986: 4,645,935
1987: 6,529,985
1988: 7,677,300
1989: 8,705,870
1990: 9,828,000
1991: 10,507,934
1992: 10,653,300
1993: 10,925,546
1994: 10,935,094
1995: 11,326,627
1996: 11,987,178
1997: 11,335,230
1998: 11,937,274
1999: 12,002,813
2000: 12,001,731
2001: 12,468,750
2002: 12,938,405
2003: 12,829,672
2004: 12,444,000
2005: 12,337,125
2006: 12,607,400
2007: 13,616,750
2008: 14,049,420
2009: 13,394,376
2010: 12,372,000
2011: 12,464,000
2012: 12,477,525
2013: 12,564,975
2014: 12,576,800
2015: 12,960,289
2016: 14,079,082
2017: 13,995,555
2018: 13,592,156
2019: 13,569,734
2020: 13,148,423
2021: 12,906,518
2022: 22,201,943
2023: 22,874,130
2024: 21,606,432
2025: 19,602,848

US Turkey Production (In Individual Birds, 1960 - 2025):

The final, officially verified numbers from the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) are available through 2025.

The dataset reflects the definitive historical timeline of individual birds raised.

1960	84.8
1961	108.0
1962	92.5
1963	93.4
1964	99.7
1965	105.1
1966	116.8
1967	127.1
1968	106.9
1969	106.4
1970	115.8
1971	119.2
1972	128.5
1973	131.5
1974	131.1
1975	124.3
1976	139.7
1977	137.9
1978	141.3
1979	156.4
1980	165.2
1981	170.8

1982	165.4
1983	170.3
1984	171.4
1985	185.3
1986	207.3
1987	239.9
1988	242.2
1989	259.8
1990	282.6
1991	285.4
1992	287.4
1993	286.3
1994	289.0
1995	292.5
1996	302.7
1997	297.8
1998	283.4
1999	270.8
2000	272.7
2001	271.5
2002	276.7
2003	273.8

2004	263.4
2005	248.1

2006	260.1
2007	271.3
2008	273.0
2009	246.9
2010	241.8
2011	246.8
2012	251.3
2013	238.2
2014	235.4
2015	231.3
2016	243.2
2017	244.5
2018	244.2
2019	227.6
2020	222.1
2021	214.5
2022	209.9
2023	218.1
2024	205.5
2025*	208.0

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So to account for actual consumption, here are the percentages for each year, that Thanksgiving comprises in comparison to total yearly US Turkey Production (1960 - 2025):

1960: 44.7955%
1961: 36.0293%
1962: 42.7193%
1963: 43.4435%
1964: 41.0542%
1965: 49.1556%
1966: 48.1934%
1967: 49.5163%
1968: 55.0611%
1969: 57.9320%
1970: 52.1653%
1971: 53.6571%
1972: 54.5168%
1973: 49.6313%
1974: 52.6388%
1975: 53.4859%
1976: 51.5026%
1977: 51.4749%
1978: 50.8254%
1979: 49.6544%
1980: 53.1898%
1981: 54.0046%
1982: 56.3024%
1983: 57.8894%
1984: 58.0099%
1985: 57.0892%
1986: 2.2412%
1987: 2.7220%
1988: 3.1698%
1989: 3.3510%
1990: 3.4777%
1991: 3.6818%
1992: 3.7068%
1993: 3.8161%
1994: 3.7838%
1995: 3.8724%
1996: 3.9601%
1997: 3.8063%
1998: 4.2122%
1999: 4.4324%
2000: 4.4011%
2001: 4.5925%
2002: 4.6760%
2003: 4.6858%

2004: 4.7244%
2005: 4.9726%
2006: 4.8471%
2007: 5.0191%
2008: 5.1463%
2009: 5.4250%
2010: 5.1166%
2011: 5.0502%
2012: 4.9652%
2013: 5.2750%
2014: 5.3427%
2015: 5.6032%
2016: 5.7891%
2017: 5.7242%
2018: 5.5660%
2019: 5.9621%
2020: 5.9200%
2021: 6.0170%
2022: 10.5774%
2023: 10.4879%
2024: 10.5141%
2025: 9.4244%

Let’s do the same, but for Thanksgiving Turkey Waste (1960 - 2025):

1960: 18%
1961: 18%
1962: 18%
1963: 17%
1964: 17%
1965: 14%
1966: 13%
1967: 12%
1968: 13%
1969: 12%
1970: 12%
1971: 12%
1972: 11%
1973: 12%
1974: 11%
1975: 11%
1976: 11%

1977: 11%
1978: 11%
1979: 10%
1980: 9%
1981: 9%
1982: 9%
1983: 8%
1984: 8%
1985: 8%
1986: 64%
1987: 56%
1988: 52%
1989: 49%
1990: 46%
1991: 44%
1992: 44%
1993: 43%
1994: 43%
1995: 42%
1996: 41%
1997: 42%
1998: 41%
1999: 41%
2000: 41%
2001: 40%
2002: 39%
2003: 39%
2004: 40%
2005: 40%
2006: 40%
2007: 38%
2008: 37%
2009: 38%
2010: 40%
2011: 40%
2012: 40%
2013: 40%
2014: 40%
2015: 39%
2016: 37%
2017: 37%
2018: 38%
2019: 38%
2020: 39%

2021: 39%
2022: 27%
2023: 27%
2024: 28%
2025: 30%

CHRISTMAS

Let's do the same with Christmas (like we did for thanksgiving), by combining consumption and waste stats together (1960 - 1997):

1960: 34,743,865
1961: 35,589,937
1962: 36,142,125
1963: 36,665,250
1964: 36,985,906
1965: 45,054,529
1966: 48,525,750
1967: 53,637,946
1968: 46,411,732
1969: 52,533,811
1970: 51,483,607
1971: 54,510,750
1972: 59,034,375
1973: 55,623,750
1974: 58,154,062
1975: 56,025,000
1976: 60,631,249
1977: 59,817,937
1978: 60,519,375
1979: 64,716,249
1980: 72,420,000
1960: 34,743,865
1961: 35,589,937
1962: 36,142,125
1963: 36,665,250
1964: 36,985,906
1965: 45,054,529

1966: 48,525,750
1967: 53,637,946
1968: 46,411,732
1969: 52,533,811
1970: 51,483,607
1971: 54,510,750
1972: 59,034,375
1973: 55,623,750
1974: 58,154,062
1975: 56,025,000
1976: 60,631,249
1977: 59,817,937
1978: 60,519,375
1979: 64,716,249
1980: 72,420,000
1981: 76,021,875
1982: 76,750,624
1983: 80,368,749
1984: 81,056,250
1985: 85,563,750
1986: 9,679,030
1987: 11,130,655
1988: 11,995,780
1989: 12,802,749
1990: 13,650,000
1991: 14,073,124
1992: 14,267,812
1993: 14,375,718
1994: 14,388,280
1995: 14,646,499
1996: 15,237,937
1997: 14,657,625

Let’s translate these numbers into percentages (from 1960 - 1997):

1960: 40.967%
1961: 32.955%
1962: 39.074%
1963: 39.255%
1964: 37.096%
1965: 42.869%
1966: 41.549%

1967: 42.197%
1968: 43.412%
1969: 49.378%
1970: 44.460%
1971: 45.733%
1972: 45.944%
1973: 42.300%
1974: 44.356%
1975: 45.074%
1976: 43.397%
1977: 43.379%
1978: 42.827%
1979: 41.383%
1980: 43.843%
1981: 44.506%
1982: 46.408%
1983: 47.191%
1984: 47.294%
1985: 46.172%
1986: 4.666%
1987: 4.637%
1988: 4.951%
1989: 4.933%
1990: 4.830%
1991: 4.934%
1992: 4.965%
1993: 5.024%
1994: 4.980%
1995: 5.009%
1996: 5.038%
1997: 4.921%

In comparison, here are the consumption and waste figures for Pre-Roast-Game Christmas Dinner for each year (from 1960 to 1997), then only waste figures from 1998 to 2016, and finally, actual consumption from 2017 to 2025:

1960: 23,162,577
1961: 23,726,625
1962: 24,094,750
1963: 24,443,500
1964: 24,657,271

1965: 30,036,353
1966: 32,350,500
1967: 35,758,631
1968: 33,827,793
1969: 35,022,541
1970: 34,322,405
1971: 36,340,500
1972: 39,356,250
1973: 37,082,500
1974: 38,769,375
1975: 37,350,000
1976: 40,420,833
1977: 39,878,625
1978: 40,346,250
1979: 43,144,166
1980: 48,280,000
1981: 50,681,250
1982: 51,167,083
1983: 53,579,166
1984: 54,037,500
1985: 57,042,500
1986: 6,452,687
1987: 7,420,437
1988: 7,997,187
1989: 8,535,166
1990: 9,100,000
1991: 9,382,083
1992: 9,511,875
1993: 9,583,812
1994: 9,592,187
1995: 9,764,333
1996: 10,158,625
1997: 9,771,750

Pre-Roast-Game Turkey Consumption Percentages (in comparison to total US Turkey Production for each year):

1960: 27.31%
1961: 21.97%
1962: 26.05%
1963: 26.17%
1964: 24.73%
1965: 28.58%

1966: 27.70%
1967: 28.13%
1968: 31.64%
1969: 32.92%
1970: 29.64%
1971: 30.49%
1972: 30.63%
1973: 28.20%
1974: 29.57%
1975: 30.05%
1976: 28.93%
1977: 28.92%
1978: 28.55%
1979: 27.59%
1980: 29.23%
1981: 29.67%
1982: 30.94%
1983: 31.46%
1984: 31.53%
1985: 30.78%
1986: 3.11%
1987: 3.09%
1988: 3.30%
1989: 3.29%
1990: 3.22%
1991: 3.29%
1992: 3.31%
1993: 3.35%
1994: 3.32%
1995: 3.34%
1996: 3.36%
1997: 3.28%

Let’s do the same with Pre-Roast-Game Turkey Waste (1960 - 1997):

1960: 11,581,288
1961: 11,863,312
1962: 12,047,375
1963: 12,221,750
1964: 12,328,635
1965: 15,018,176
1966: 16,175,250

1967: 17,879,315
1968: 12,583,939
1969: 17,511,270
1970: 17,161,202
1971: 18,170,250
1972: 19,678,125
1973: 18,541,250
1974: 19,384,687
1975: 18,675,000
1976: 20,210,416
1977: 19,939,312
1978: 20,173,125
1979: 21,572,083
1980: 24,140,000
1981: 25,340,625
1982: 25,583,541
1983: 26,789,583
1984: 27,018,750
1985: 28,521,250
1986: 3,226,343
1987: 3,710,218
1988: 3,998,593
1989: 4,267,583
1990: 4,550,000
1991: 4,691,041
1992: 4,755,937
1993: 4,791,906
1994: 4,796,093
1995: 4,882,166
1996: 5,079,312
1997: 4,885,875

Pre-Roast-Game Christmas Dinner Turkey Waste Percentages (in comparison to total US Turkey Production for each year, 1960 - 1997):

1960: 13.657%
1961: 10.985%
1962: 13.024%
1963: 13.085%
1964: 12.366%
1965: 14.289%

1966: 13.849%
1967: 14.067%
1968: 11.772%
1969: 16.458%
1970: 14.820%
1971: 15.243%
1972: 15.314%
1973: 14.100%
1974: 14.786%
1975: 15.024%
1976: 14.467%
1977: 14.459%
1978: 14.277%
1979: 13.793%
1980: 14.613%
1981: 14.836%
1982: 15.468%
1983: 15.731%
1984: 15.764%
1985: 15.392%
1986: 1.556%
1987: 1.547%
1988: 1.651%
1989: 1.643%
1990: 1.610%
1991: 1.644%
1992: 1.655%
1993: 1.674%
1994: 1.660%
1995: 1.669%
1996: 1.678%
1997: 1.641%

Complete And Out-Right Waste, No Consumption At All For Christmas (1998 - 2016):

1998: 17,500,000
1999: 17,500,000
2000: 17,500,000
2001: 42,539,750
2002: 43,694,500
2003: 43,214,000
2004: 41,718,250

2005: 42,098,000
2006: 43,454,250
2007: 45,515,750
2008: 47,778,750
2009: 43,314,750
2010: 43,167,500
2011: 44,291,250
2012: 46,244,250
2013: 44,996,500
2014: 44,609,000
2015: 43,609,250
2016: 46,352,750

Let's put all these numbers into percentages and see what we get in comparison to the total annual US Turkey Production for each year (1998 - 2016):

1998: 6%
1999: 6%
2000: 6%
2001: 16%
2002: 16%
2003: 16%
2004: 16%
2005: 17%
2006: 17%
2007: 17%
2008: 18%
2009: 18%
2010: 18%
2011: 18%
2012: 18%
2013: 19%
2014: 19%
2015: 19%
2016: 19%

Post-Roast-Game Christmas Dinner Turkey Consumption (2017 - 2025):

2017: 22,215,167
2018: 21,922,833
2019: 21,886,667

2020: 11,891,515
2021: 1,896,364
2022: 831,009
2023: 3,289,641
2024: 4,053,746
2025: 757,440

Let’s convert these stats into percentages:

2017: 9%
2018: 9%
2019: 10%
2020: 5.4%
2021: 0.09%
2022: 0.4%
2023: 1.5%
2024: 2%
2025: 0.4%

Post-Roast-Game Christmas Dinner Turkey Waste (2017 - 2025):

2017: 19,956,972
2018: 20,249,306
2019: 20,285,472
2020: 30,280,624
2021: 40,275,775
2022: 41,341,130
2023: 38,882,498
2024: 26,127,936
2025: 393,869

Let’s convert these stats into percentages:

2017: 8.2%
2018: 8.3%
2019: 8.9%
2020: 13.6%
2021: 18.8%
2022: 19.7%
2023: 17.8%

2024: 12.7%
2025: 0.2%

Let's combine these for the last time (for Christmas):

2017: 17.2%
2018: 17.3%
2019: 18.9%
2020: 19.0%
2021: 18.89%
2022: 20.1%
2023: 19.3%
2024: 14.7%
2025: 0.6%

EASTER

Let's get the frame of reference straight for Pre-Easter-Roast-Game Turkey figures!

So if we were to take the debunked "19 million" number with a grain of salt and still use it, it's the best way to get them. That means I used the percentage to then debunk the aforementioned "19 million" number.

19 million out of 87 million, is 0.218390804598%

Let's start off with total Easter Turkey Purchase numbers for Turkey (1960 - 1999):

1960: 18,520,000
1961: 23,590,000
1962: 20,200,000
1963: 20,400,000

1964: 21,770,000
1965: 22,950,000
1966: 25,510,000
1967: 27,760,000
1968: 23,350,000
1969: 23,240,000
1970: 25,290,000
1971: 26,030,000
1972: 28,060,000
1973: 28,720,000
1974: 28,630,000
1975: 27,150,000
1976: 30,510,000
1977: 30,120,000
1978: 30,860,000
1979: 34,160,000
1980: 36,080,000
1981: 37,300,000
1982: 36,120,000
1983: 37,190,000
1984: 37,430,000
1985: 40,470,000
1986: 45,270,000
1987: 52,390,000
1988: 52,890,000
1989: 56,740,000
1990: 61,720,000
1991: 62,330,000
1992: 62,770,000
1993: 62,530,000
1994: 63,110,000
1995: 63,880,000
1996: 66,110,000
1997: 65,040,000
1998: 61,890,000
1999: 59,140,000

Let’s translate that into percentages: Each year should comprise just 0.218390804598%.

Data from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and food waste organizations like ReFED indicates that about 35% of all turkey meat prepared during the holidays goes uneaten and is ultimately trashed.

Accounting for Pre-Easter-Roast-Game Turkey Waste (1960 - 1999):

1960: 6,482,000
1961: 8,256,500
1962: 7,070,000
1963: 7,140,000
1964: 7,619,500
1965: 8,032,500
1966: 8,928,500
1967: 9,716,000
1968: 8,172,500
1969: 8,134,000
1970: 8,851,500
1971: 9,110,500
1972: 9,821,000
1973: 10,052,000
1974: 10,020,500
1975: 9,502,500
1976: 10,678,500
1977: 10,542,000
1978: 10,801,000
1979: 11,956,000
1980: 12,628,000
1981: 13,055,000
1982: 12,642,000
1983: 13,016,500
1984: 13,100,500
1985: 14,164,500
1986: 15,844,500
1987: 18,336,500
1988: 18,511,500
1989: 19,859,000
1990: 21,602,000
1991: 21,815,500
1992: 21,969,500
1993: 21,885,500
1994: 22,088,500
1995: 22,358,000

1996: 23,138,500
1997: 22,764,000
1998; 21,661,500
1999: 20,699,000

The same goes with percentages, just about 35%.

Now, let's get the raw Pre-Easter-Roast-Game Era Easter Turkey Consumption Statistics (1960 - 1999):

1960: 12,038,000
1961: 15,333,500
1962: 13,130,000
1963: 13,260,000
1964: 14,150,500
1965: 14,917,500
1966: 16,581,500
1967: 18,044,000
1968: 15,177,500
1969: 15,106,000
1970: 16,438,500
1971: 16,919,500
1972: 18,239,000
1973: 18,668,000
1974: 18,609,500
1975: 17,647,500
1976: 19,831,500
1977: 19,578,000
1978: 20,059,000
1979: 22,204,000
1980: 23,452,000
1981: 24,245,000
1982: 23,478,000
1983: 24,173,500
1984: 24,329,500
1985: 26,305,500
1986: 29,425,500
1987: 34,053,500
1988: 34,378,500
1989: 36,881,000

1990: 40,118,000
1991: 40,514,500
1992: 40,800,500
1993: 40,644,500
1994: 41,021,500
1995: 41,522,000
1996: 42,971,500
1997: 42,276,000
1998: 40,228,500
1999: 38,441,000

Approximate percentage for each year (1960 - 2025): 65%

And now, let's cover the Easter Roast Game Era as in exclusively Turkey Waste alone (2000 - 2018):

2000: 20,844,310
2001: 23,865,217
2002: 24,513,043
2003: 24,243,478
2004: 23,404,348
2005: 23,617,391
2006: 24,378,261
2007: 25,534,783
2008: 26,804,348
2009: 24,300,000
2010: 24,217,391
2011: 24,847,826
2012: 25,943,478
2013: 25,243,478
2014: 25,026,087
2015: 24,465,217
2016: 26,004,348
2017: 26,004,348
2018: 33,036,043

Let’s finish our coverage of Easter in this article, with The Post-Easter-Roast-Game Era (2019 - 2025)!

Consumption:

2019: 1,367,917
2020: 1,347,175
2021: 1,322,414
2022: 1,267,187
2023: 1,328,112
2024: 2,589,844
2025: 418,359

Percentage: 65% of those that were purchased!

Waste:

2019: 253
2020: 249
2021: 242
2022: 226
2023: 243
2024: 2,253,164
2025: 409,573

Percentage: 35% of those that were purchased!

PASSOVER

Now, this is the first time I’ve ever covered Passover anywhere ever!

Passover centerpiece meat options or "Entrees," composed of Beef Brisket, Chicken, Roast Lamb, Fish, and Turkey.

This one will be tricky!

I'll take the number of Jewish people in the US population from 1960 to 2026, divide them by 6 and then multiply by two (when it comes to Turkey purchases as in consumption/waste)...because there are two seders during Passover. We'll then separate waste numbers from the consumption ones. It's also because these are the same ones each one has bought.

US Jewish Population (1960 - 2026):

1960 - 1969: 5,449,250
1970 - 1979: 5,685,000
1980 - 1989: 5,710,445
1990: 5,500,000
1991: 5,550,000
1992 - 2008: 5,828,000
2009: 6,544,000
2010: 6,000,000
2011: 6,588,065
2012: 6,721,680
2013: 6,721,965
2014: 6,769,000
2015: 7,160,000
2016: 6,856,304
2017: 6,850,865
2018: 6,925,475
2019: 6,968,600
2020: 7,153,065
2021: 7,300,000
2022: 7,387,992
2023: 7,460,600
2024: 7,698,840
2025: 5,700,000
2026: 6,300,000

Source: https://jewishvirtuallibrary.org/jewish-population-in-the-united-states-nationally

Between 70% and 80% (75%) of American Jews, engage in a private Passover Seder dinner.

Accounting for the "75%" who have a traditional Passover Seder dinner two times each, every single year (year-by-year):

1960 - 1969: 4,086,938
1970 - 1979: 4,263,750
1980 - 1989: 4,282,834
1990: 4,125,000
1991: 4,162,500
1992 - 2008: 4,371,000
2009: 4,908,000
2010: 4,500,000
2011: 4,941,049
2012: 5,041,260
2013: 5,041,474
2014: 5,076,750
2015: 5,370,000
2016: 5,142,228
2017: 5,138,149
2018: 5,194,106
2019: 5,226,450
2020: 5,364,799
2021: 5,475,000
2022: 5,540,994
2023: 5,595,450
2024: 5,774,130
2025: 4,275,000
2026: 4,725,000

Passover Turkey Purchase/Consumption/Waste Statistics In The USA (1960 - 2026):

1960-1969: 1,362,313
1970-1979: 1,421,250
1980-1989: 1,427,611
1990: 1,375,000
1991: 1,387,500
1992-2008: 1,457,000
2009: 1,636,000
2010: 1,500,000
2011: 1,647,016

2012: 1,680,420
2013: 1,680,491
2014: 1,692,250
2015: 1,790,000
2016: 1,714,076
2017: 1,712,716
2018: 1,731,369
2019: 1,742,150
2020: 1,788,266
2021: 1,825,000
2022: 1,846,998
2023: 1,865,150
2024: 1,924,710
2025: 1,425,000
2026: 1,575,000

Trash Volume Increases: Total household trash and organic food waste can surge by 15% to 50% during the week of Passover compared to standard weeks. This means that Passover waste is on average 32.5% higher during this one and only week of the holiday (in comparison to the entire year, annually).

Link:
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Other sources separated by holiday:

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Thanksgiving:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l76jzYdj8Ks&t=2874s

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xphbu1KGOXU&t=1143s

Easter:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLxw8OTqzcDkqkBIbTbWnTyK9AYbe7vVrG